GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:415
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INCIDENTS OF THEFT AND EVE TEASING DURING LAST THREE YEARS
CHINMAYANAND;RATILAL KALIDAS VARMA

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the incidents of theft and eve-teasing have increased while travelling in trains during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government are contemplating to enact an Act and delegate the powers to Railway Protection Force to take stern action in order to check such crimes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) & (b): `Policing` being a State subject, prevention and detection of crime on Railways, including running trains, is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments. The cases of crime on Railways are reported to, registered and investigated by the Government Railway Police (GRP). Therefore, information asked for in the Question is not readily available with the Ministry of Railways.

(c) & (d): Two cabinet notes for amending the RPF Act 1957 and The Railway Act 1989 has been initiated to empower the RPF for escorting the passenger trains in vulnerable area, providing access control regulation and general security at the platforms and Security of the Railway Projects.